

REMARKS

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Office Action dated December 13, 2004. In that Office Action, the Examiner: 1) allowed claims 5-11 and 16-24; 2) requested cancellation of non-elected claims 1-4, 12-15 and 25-29; 3) requested the correction of minor informalities in the specification; 4) objected to the drawings filed 10-18-2004 and requested further labeling of Figures 9A-9E using words; and 5) requested that some of the limitations in the allowed claims 5-11 and 16-24 be amended to correct minor informalities.

I. ALLOWED CLAIMS AND EFFECTIVELY ALLOWED CLAIMS

Applicant appreciates the allowance of claims 5-11 and 16-24. Per the Examiner's request, Applicant cancels non-elected claims 1-4, 12-15 and 25-29. Applicant also amends claims 5-11 and 16-24 to correct the minor informalities identified by the Examiner.

II. OBJECTIONS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Applicant amends the specification to correct minor informalities as requested by the Examiner.

III. OBJECTIONS TO THE DRAWINGS

Applicant amends Figures 9A - 9E to address the Examiner's objections to Figures 9A - 9E and includes an attached replacement sheet herewith.

IV. CONCLUSION

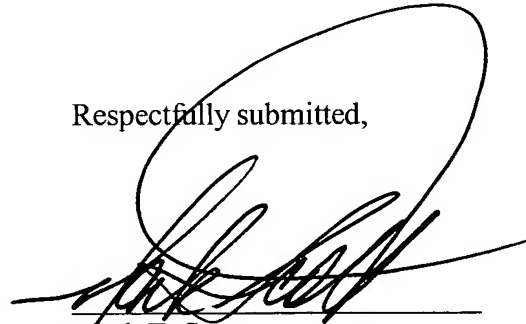
Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite the resolution of this case, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

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In the course of the foregoing discussions, Applicant may have at times referred to claim limitations in shorthand fashion, or may have focused on a particular claim element. This discussion should not be interpreted to mean that the other limitations can be ignored or dismissed. The claims must be viewed as a whole, and each limitation of the claims must be considered when determining the patentability of the claims. Moreover, it should be understood that there may be other distinctions between the claims and the prior art which have yet to be raised, but which may be raised in the future.

If any fees are inadvertently omitted or if any additional fees are required or have been overpaid, please appropriately charge or credit those fees to Conley Rose, P.C. Deposit Account Number 03-2769.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figures 9A – 9E. This sheet, which includes Figures 8 and 9A – 9E, replaces the sheet filed on 10-18-2004 including Figures 8 and 9A – 9E. In Figures 9A – 9E, previously omitted labels (i.e., in words) have been added as requested by the Examiner.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet